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RANDAL DICKEY BECOMES CONSERVATION CHAIRMAN

Since its founding in 1892 the Sierra Club has been primarily concerned with the conservation of the scenic resources of our country. That much scenic open land has been kept intact is a tribute to those who have joined in fighting unwise exploitation of these public resources. Public opinion is the bulwark of protection of wilderness areas, but too often members of the public remain silent at times when their expressions of opinion are most needed. Letter writing, telegrams and phone calls can become a chore, but not when one realizes that he or she is exercising a right as precious as the right to vote. Our elected representatives on all levels of government can only effectively represent us in managing our government when they know of our views on the various issues which come before them. Therefore as individuals interested in our scenic wilderness we must diligently exert our efforts to be in the vocal majority.

The Sierra Club's conservation policy is set by the board of directors and administered by the officers, executive director and staff, and conservation committees. The formation of such policy is done through our club and chapter conservation committees. These groups usually meet once each month to discuss current conservation matters, hear reports on studies undertaken by individuals or groups and make recommendations to the board for their consideration. All of this effort requires people who are actively interested in doing more than writing occasional letters.

Unfortunately, there are several vital matters which we have been unable to study and make recommendations due to the lack of available committee members. Consider this, therefore, an invitation to attend a meeting of your club or chapter conservation committee, find out how it operates and see if you can't do more to further the purposes of our club. You will find that if you can't attend committee meetings regularly, there are specific projects which

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CLIMBERS GUIDE TO HIGH SIERRA

A revision of the Climber's Guide is now being initiated. The editor would like to hear from anyone who is interested in participating. Especially desired are climbers familiar with specific areas who will arrange material for those areas. Artists who can sketch peaks and routes are also wanted. Hopefully we can make the revision a finer and more useful book than the first edition. If you can help please communicate with Hervey Voge, 2237 Carleton St., Berkeley 4, California.

DR. WAYBURN PRESIDENT OF SIERRA CLUB

Sierra Club Officers for 1961-62 are: Edgar Wayburn, president; Lewis F. Clark, Vice-President; Charlotte Mauk, Secretary; Clifford V. Heimbucher, Treasurer; George Marshall, Fifth Officer. Harold C. Bradley is a newly elected Honorary Vice-President.

The Board took steps toward naming mountain peaks for two outstanding conservationists whose recent deaths left unfillable voids, Walter L. Huber, a Director for many years and a nationally recognized advisor on park and conservation matters, and David R. Simons, able and inspired young worker who did much to focus national attention on the problems of the Cascades.

The Directors reaffirmed opposition to any trans-Sierra road in the vicinity of Mammoth Pass, but supported improvement of the Sonora Pass Highway; they also urged that plans to make the Leevining approach to Yosemite a four-lane road be deleted from the state highway system.

APPEAL. CIRCULATION DEPT.

Please let the Yodeler know when you move. The Sierra Club office is a big place now, so please send a separate card to the Yodeleditor, and your Yodelers are more likely to keep coming to you without interruption.

LETTERS

It is quite obvious that few who wrote to the Yodeler last month understood the point of my letter the month before. That point was that activities deserved a moderate, marginal increase of funds, not to turn the Sierra Club into a group of crazy all-out skiers, climbers or boaters on the model of the hot-rod clubs.

The difference might be one between spending the present 95% or so on conservation and a percentage like 85%, leaving some 15% or so—$1.00 per capita at the present annual dues rate—for the activities. My letter was in fact inspired by a chapter debate, in which objections were entered to a total budget, for an important section with a big training brogram, of $75—for the year! This section, of which I was last year's chairman, has an estimated participation of at least 200 members of the Sierra Club. Their dues might add up, in all, to $1400. Many of them, of course, divide their interests with other sections; so let us reduce the estimate to a conservative $1000. To give such a section only $75 for its training program seems to me mean enough; to quibble about that strikes me as just plain stingy.

To go into details about the letters: Joan Clark has misunderstood me on the question of entering competitions for "prestige." My letter should have made it quite clear that I raised the question of prestige only on behalf of conservation. Victories by teams of well-trained skiers, slalom boaters, and climbers will redound to the strength of the Club and aid it in winning conservation fights. We don't race for an entirely selfish kind of prestige, either, Mrs. Clark! We are looking for values just as impersonal and lofty, in the perfection of skills in harmony with Nature, as does the most dedicated conservationist. In fact, we do not admit that we differ from the all-

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REBUTTAL

The Yodeleditor would have preferred to maintain an attitude of umpiral detachment in the debate launched in the April issue. For one thing, it was a debate on which any good Sierra Club member could — and should — see much merit on both sides.

Still, it must have been clear from the mere fact of opening the debate that we were sympathetic to re-examination of the Club's attitude toward activities. We did agree with John Bombay that conservation was taking more than its fair share of Sierra Club money and publication space. And we agreed heartily with John's argument that this unbalance was self-defeating: that more attention to activities would, as he said in April, "redound to the benefit of the Sierra Club" and particularly to its effectiveness as a conservation organization.

Reviewing the letters so far contributed, we feel that those who opposed John Bombay generally displayed a regrettable lack of the compromising spirit. Sitting down to a hearty meal, represented by approximately nine-tenths or more of the Club's income and its publications space, they seem to be telling the hungry beggar at the gate to "stand on your own feet!"

One contributor seemed to go so far as to suggest that "standing on your own feet" might imply leaving the Sierra Club and joining other groups primarily organized for activities.

The amount of extra support urged by one section in this Chapter, the reaction to which precipitated John Bombay's protest, was so tiny and so marginal in relation to dues income that it only merited notice as a matter of principle. Actually, the Club's rules and practices make it difficult for activities sections to raise additional money, as John Bombay notes in his rebuttal letter. Some sections do get away with charging small additional assessments. But the Yodeler's experience with its paid fee for circulation suggests that it is difficult to collect extra money from members for what appears to them to be the normal business of the Club.

Possibly, as some are suggesting, the Directors should be asked to legitimize assessments on activities sections, over and above their dues.

LETTERS (CONTINUED)

round conservationist in our fundamental outlook.

Secondly, Mrs. Clark has said that "there are plenty of 'activities' clubs" for those who have such interests. That could be interpreted as a hint to turn elsewhere by some who feel disheartened at the trend of things in the Sierra Club. The result would be a loss to both parties. I personally hope that it will not happen, because I agree with her that conservation is a major interest of any "activities" club worth the name.

I would prefer that conservation and activities be considered in harmony. As it happens, I participate chiefly in two sports—skiing and white-water boating—which necessarily imply a degree of practice, skill, and controlled progress before the individual can fully absorb the beauties that conservation protects. The point of my letter was to draw attention to the need for support of this process.

The letter by Mike Loughmann begins with a declaration of support for me. Thank you, Mike. But he goes on to say that activities, "particularly those requiring specialized and expensive equipment, should be very largely self-supported." He says this has been the tradition of the Sierra Club. That is largely true. My point was that perhaps this should now be reconsidered.

Bill Engs: You are the only contributor who really got the message. Thanks for your support. I agree that it is the general public that needs the conservation propaganda, and that intra-Club publicity is largely preaching to the converted.

The letter of Harold Sharp contains many misconceptions. To take one: he cites the Wilderness Conference as evidence of something besides "talking or writing about conservation." I do not, as it happens, lack respect for talking or writing, but I submit that the Wilderness Conference consisted of very little else. It took place not on a 10,000 foot mountain or a river canyon, but at the Palace Hotel, was wired for sound and illuminated by floodlight. All very well and good, but not an argument for Mr. Sharp's thesis at all.

Again, Mr. Sharp says that "each section should stand largely on its own feet." What exactly does he mean by that? Does he mean that each section must hold a separate fund drive to get the dough for its work? Or should it put on a rummage sale? Actually, the Sierra Club's directors frown on any attemtp to collect separate section dues on any but a completely voluntary basis; the rank-and-file members in turn do not understand why we should go to them for more money because, they feel, "we have paid our dues." So we always miss the boat when we try voluntary fund-raising.

Mr. Sharp says our river films would have but limited interest. That would depend in large part on how skillful our people were in preparing them. But let's agree that they would be limited and specialized; is there any real reason why 10% or 15% of a member's dues should not be assigned to such important limited projects? I think not!

John Muir—who started the outing program—strikes me as an example of a participator, indeed as an "activities" man par excellence. True, he wrote brilliantly. That was my point. Words should be supported by action, participation.

Speaking in general, I feel that many writers—and many members who have not put their thoughts on paper—have forgotten that they first joined the Sierra Club for activities, and that the growth of leisure time will increase the number of such member-applicants. This is not just a good way to lead people to a conservationist point of view; it is sure-fire!

Finally, I want to thank our Yodeleditor, Peter Whitney, for inviting debate on my letter. He raised a point that I did not—the amount of space given in our Club publications to conservation argument, to the neglect of activities. Here, I think, the percentage should not be the 85%-15% that I suggested earlier for the division of funds. I think it should be at least fifty-fifty.

Yours sincerely,
John Bombay

Dear Peter:

Your Letter from the Editor in the February Yodeler says what has needed saying for a long time.

The fact that no names are mentioned is good since the principles stated are basic and it is best that they are not tied down to a specific individual or case.

Best regards,
Tom Amneus
2440 Yosemite Dr.
Los Angeles 41, Calif.

Editor, YODELER

Dear Sir:

If the Sierra Club doesn't maintain (if not increase), its activities in behalf of conservation, Mr. Bombay and others won't have many outdoor areas to enjoy! We're for dispensing with prestige and increasing the pitifully small amount of the outdoors left for this burgeoning population to enjoy. Therefore, we plea for no lessening of the Sierra Club's conservation activities.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Ragsdale
91 Harrier Ave., Vallejo

INCIDENTS ON A MARIN HIKE

Sunday hikers may like to know that their leaders work hard trying to make these hikes a little more pleasant than they themselves experienced. Four such stalwarts bravely started out one overcast Sunday from Bootjack, heading for Lake Lagunitas.

Shortly after they hit the trail the clouds broke loose with a torrent. Undaunted, they donned the usual ponchos and pressed onward, stepping gingerly over slippery rocks, jumping over cascading rivulets and swollen streams. The rain finally stopped when they reached the Kent Trail, and relieving themselves of their rain gear, they plummeted down the trail.

After negotiating a raging stream, they came upon a fair-sized lake. What to do? they pondered. Perhaps a bypass above—no, manzanitas too thick—the other direction? No chance here. Well, the only thing to do was to wade across. So the four shed shoes and socks and stepped into cold knee-deep water to the opposite bank.

After this ordeal, one gentleman reached into his pack and pulled out a clean white towel and — remembering the advice of Countess Marconi — gallantly dried the fair lady's feet.

(Leaders' advice: When on the Kent Trail, bring towels!)

—Pauline Lee

EDITOR THE YODELER

Hi!

Just want to say orchids to Ann Rogers in the February issue for boldly speaking her piece re the need for best nutrition if you want to get the most enjoyment out of hiking. With lots of Spring and Summer outings coming up you can beat old fatigue easily with a little know-how in your menus. Read "Let's Eat Right to Keep Fit" by nutritionist Adele Davis for best tips.

Mr. Strain, phys. ed. teacher at Clayton Valley High school in Concord, trains track champions of California year after year, and he says select nutrition is a must for high energy and least fatigue. Here's a consultant who knows, if outing chiefs eant to consult.

Soon you'll be looking with a jaundiced eye at outing menus that contain less than whole grain products (breads, flours, cereals, spaghetti, rice, etc.) and look for stuff high in vitamin, mineral and protein qualities. Costs the same.

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MOUNTAINEERING NOTES

Everyone agrees that adequate footwear is one of the most important equipment considerations. What is "adequate" in boot soles, the most important part of the boot? Among backpackers, hikers, and mountaineers, the "Vibram" type lug sole enjoys wide acceptance because of its versatility and comfort. For Sierra-Nevada rock, lug soles are excellent, and they perform well on snow, too.

But Vibram soles cannot be used under all conditions. In other mountain ranges, nailed boots are preferred by many because they permit travel where easy ice, ice covered or "greasy" rock are problems.

For hiking in areas where there is brush and logs, lug soles must be carefully placed, and when the ground is wet, they are sometimes hazardous to the wearer. In mud, Vibrams are of no advantage: mud collects among the lugs and makes them heavier. For climbing, rubber lugs work poorly on wet rock, particularly if it is smooth or covered with lichen.

On ice, Vibrams can be extremely dangerous. Last year there were serious accidents - on Sierra-Nevada ice - in which the victims' lug-type soles were partly to blame. Vibrams can not be used for climbing on ice unless crampons, or at least instep crampons, are worn (and proper belays are given).

For our nearby mountains, there is nothing like Vibram lugs, but these soles have their limitations. Think of the tires on a truck. They don't function under all conditions. Sometimes special tires or chains are needed. Mountaineers can go almost anywhere but not without proper footwear. A slip can be fatal.

ADS

HELP WANTED: Cook for summer (and possibly winter seasons) at Clair Tappaan Lodge. An opportunity for a paid vacation at 7000 feet elevation. Salary about $250 month plus meals and lodging. Must possess pleasant temperament and be able to work agreeably with adult and teen-age volunteer kitchen assistants. For particulars call or write Jim Clifford, Summer Manager, OXford 7-4531, 1211 Toyon Drive, Millbrae, California.

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YUBA SNOWSHOE REPORT
(Out of Season)

Snowshoe hikers led by Charlie Orr have come across a delightful snow trip only a few miles beyond the familiar Salmon Lake turnoff on Highway 49 this side of Yuba Pass. Seven of us started at site of Lincoln Creek campground and followed blazes through forested country along the creek until reaching a long and broad lake and meadow bottom area called Lincoln Valley. It is an easy climb of 600 feet over four miles .... and that is it!

There are no ridges to traverse in the face of biting winds and no steep spots; once in the valley we had expanse and deep snow. Although snow was sparse this year generally, Lincoln Valley has five to six feet, which on the weekend of March 12 and 13 was topped with a foot and a half of powder. Streams feed from many directions with a ready source of water for drinking and cooking .... if you have a bucket and a casting line.

On high ground above Lincoln Valley is a cabin that has seen better days but still offers a good shelter for cooking. You would probably choose—as we did—to sleep outdoors in tents. The topography is well suited to comfortable snow-camping, what with plenty of trees and natural protection from the wind and drift.

After breakfast you might want to heed our example and climb to the summit of the 7,800 foot ridge to the northeast and digest the especially fine view it offers of the immense Sierra Valley, the Sierra Buttes, and the northern Sierra crest for many miles both north and south. The ridgecrest is bleak and ice-crusted in spots, but elsewhere supports thick stands of wind-tormented firs which on a winter morning are so cloaked with snow that they appear to be sculptured glass.

Our party made the hike into the valley in four hours including pause for lunch, and came out again the next morning in two-and-a-half hours including a lunch stop of perhaps thirty minutes.

This segment of Yuba Pass country is tops in winter beauty but quite easy in terms of hiking effort. If you have been working up an interest in snow camping you might well remember that this is a fine place to start.

Notes:

Driving distance from Oakland, via Sacramento, Nevada City and Downieville is about 222 miles and 5 1/2 hours driving time.

A convenient sub-snowline camp is at Union Creek, 5 1/2 miles above Downieville.

Maps required: Sierra City and Sierraville quadrangles.

Hiking distance is four miles each way. Starting elevation is 6,400 feet, your destination 7,000 feet.

—Jim Watters

WILDERNESS PREVIEWS COVERS BAY AREA

This year more than ever before the Sierra Club brought its heavy schedule of interesting summer outings to the entire Bay Area via a series of slides taken on various past outings of the club. This interesting photographic evidence of the good times to be had on Club Outings was shown on successive evenings to audiences in San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Hayward, and Marin County. Many non-Sierra Club members were thus given the opportunity to acquaint themselves with Club summer activities, and greater response than ever before is anticipated to this year's schedule of upcoming events.

A long-range goal of these meetings is to stimulate grass-roots support for the Club's conservation activities and to develop local leadership. —E.D.B.

Some of these meetings, it is hoped, will lead to periodic general meetings in the various areas, akin to the East Bay dinners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 25— Coordinator Tena Catena reports a program of slides was presented by Assistant Executive Director Bob Golden and enjoyed by 150-175 members and guests. A good many expressed interest in having monthly meetings.

BERKELEY, Apr. 26. East Bay Dinner Chairman Ben Crowley and Program Chairman Harold Sharp were hosts while Outing Committee Chairman Steward Kimball presented pictures and descriptions of typical 1961 Club outings plans to 175 members. Then 125 members and guests heard Prentiss outline a proposal to form a Marin Area group. Several volunteered to serve on a planning committee.

HAYWARD, May 1. Area Coordinator Hugh Koford had an enthusiastic though small (17 members, 7 guests) audience for Bob Golden's presentation. The cozy forum discussed the possibility of a Southern Alameda group, and agreed that another meeting should be held.

LAFAYETTE, May 2: Area Coordinator Hulet Hornbeck had Dr. Kimball to provide his Summer Outing Preview to numerous members and guests. Then Hulet invited discussion of a Central Contra Costa group, and got an encouraging response. A second meeting is planned outdoors in Mt. Diablo State Park.

KENTFIELD, April 27. Area Coordinator Prentiss Goldstone introduced Bob Golden, who again presented his color slides taken in areas to be visited in 1961 Club outings.

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It was notable that at each of the meetings in new areas there were several requests for Club membership application blanks. The area group idea leads toward encouraging members who not only pay dues but actively participate.

LASSEN

Lassen Volcanic National Park is nearer than you think. Driving time compares favorably with that to Yosemite; the slight increase in mileage is more than offset by faster, straighter highways. So even though you live in the Bay Area, Lassen can be a two-day weekend trip with no great strain on anyone.

Lassen Peak, the only recently active volcano in continental U.S.—its latest eruptions took place between 1914 and 1921—is only one of the many spectacular volcanic exhibits in the prk. Others are such remnants of former Mount Tehama as Brokeoff Mountain, Mts. Diller and Conard; the lovely symmetry of Cinder Cone and Chaos Crags, which are plug-type volcanoes, and Chaos Jumbles, caused by an avalanche from Chaos Crags. Steam vents, hot springs and mud pots with authentic smells are found at Sulphur Works, Bumpass Hell, Little Hot Springs Valley, Devil's Kitchen and Boiling Springs Lake.

Peaks, lava flows and colorful thermal areas are not all of Lassen; there are beautiful evergreen forests, grassy meadows, and a continuous display of flowers from early May to late September; there are many, many lakes with good fishing. And there are good campgrounds.

Winter is very fine, too, with excellent snow conditions and ski tows near the Sulphur Works Checking Station. Most of these truths were not self evident, however, to our club group of ten souls who made the Lassen pilgrimage over the weekend of February 11-13 in search of winter scenery. We snowshoed in to the Lake Helen hut, but faced a three-day whiteout and snowfall. These conditions gave us unlimited opportunities to work crossword puzzles, read and catch up on sleep but never a glimpse of the mountain. For sure, there is snow there—plenty of it! Better luck next time!

—Mildred Holota

PERSONALS

Married: Elinore Margaret Ridge to Ralph Polister Moore, on April 15, 1961.

Married: Rachel Elizabeth Wright to Frederic Lyndell Schuder, May 6, 1961.

HUTCHINSON LODGE WORK PARTIES

Work parties to repair the ravages of last season and prepare Hutchinson Lodge for next year will be held on the weekends of June 17, July 15, and August 19. Volunteers will receive food and lodging at Clair Tappaan Lodge, a transportation allowance, and priority towards a reservation next year. Bring sleeping bag and work gloves. Please notify Manager, Clair Tappaan Lodge, Norden, Calif., that you are coming.

—Ken Turner

GOURMET IN THE GREENSWARD

While awaiting a pair of waterproof hiking boots we spent many a wintry Saturday in the local Chinese and Japanese groceries. Conclusion: for the greensward chef who eschews the mundane there's no time like spring for packing a knapsack with ingredients for a Japanese dinner.

Ounce for ounce you're often way ahead in protein, calcium, phosphorus, Vitamin A and trace elements and way behind on calories and animal fats. (Hearty old-timers who swear by baked beans and pork topped off with generous globs of instand pudding — READ ON.)**

The following dinner for two (even three, if additional rice is included) fits in the smallest of the three necessary nested pots. It weighs less than a pound and a half so there's adequate space for the usual wine — preferably sherry.

6 oz. (one small pkg.) pre-cooked rice
3/4 oz. (one tea bag size) Dashi no Moto* soup stock
4 oz. (one 3"x5" block) frozen bean curd*

2 oz. (12 or so) dried mushrooms*
6 oz. dehydrated mixed fruit
1 thin slice candied ginger and 1 t. dehydrated lemon rind
4 bags green tea

Prepare the mixed fruit and flavorings first and set aside to cool. Soak the mushrooms and bean curd about 30 minutes and rinse and drain well. Put the soup stock bag into three cups boiling water and let simmer about ten minutes. Remove the bag and add the cut up bean curd and mushrooms. (The rice may be cooked in the same pot or separately.) Simmer the mixture, covered, ten or fifteen minutes. If any greens are available (miners' lettuce is good) they can be added at the last moment.

Eat the rice and soup from one Sierra Club cup and drink lots of strong hot tea from another. Top off with the gingered fruit. Though a "light" dinner to all appearances, this proves terribly filling and lasting.

For really high protein add a few dried shrimp or a dollop of powdered egg may be in order. Soy sauce, semi-dehydrated at home, adds greatly to the flavor, but also to the saltiness.

* Available in Japanese groceries

** One more taste-testing and we should be ready with a really good ginger-rice pudding to set even the heartiest eater on his ear. —Ann Rogers

Don't get left out! Get your midsummer party reservation in early. Absolute deadline, June 10, with Walt Oppenheimer, Mildred Holota and Dorothy Moen, San Francisco; Bob Michener, Walt Ochse and Marilyn Eden, East Bay.

NATURAL SCIENCE

On the week-end of April 29-30, twelve enthusiastic nature lovers assembled at Oroville for a natural science field trip. The group was organized by Joanne Taylor and the trip was planned and led by Dick and Daisy Johnson.

A drive of eight miles took us to Table Mountain, the result of an extensive lava flow over this part of the Sierra. We hiked several miles over a truly magic carpet. The flowers were at their best - acres and acres of dwarf lupin, owl clover, popcorn flowers and many others. Along the water courses and in the lower spots where dampness lingered, the yellow mimulus grew in great profusion, and there were patches here and there 100 feet or more in extent, of this beautiful yellow flower.

After a leisurely lunch, we explored a most interesting cave. Under the lava cap, which here was fifty feet thick, the softer material had been eroded, leaving the lava as a ceiling or roof over an area as large as an auditorium, perfect shelter from rain or wind. In the canyon leading down to this cave, we found many varieties of delicate ferns.

That evening we enjoyed a Chinese dinner at the "Pagoda" in Paradise. After dinner, we made camp at the P.G. &E. campground ten miles above Paradise. At the campfire that night, we had the usual run of bear stories, and music and song by our accordionist, Margaret Hoebich. We hit our sleeping bags reasonably early to enjoy a welcome rest. Before retiring, however, in deference to daylight saving time, we turned our watches ahead, and in the morning, as a result of this, it was necessary to send our accordionist around camp to wake the sound sleepers with sweet music.

After a camp breakfast, we drove to a point in the road, where we shuttled the cars, then hiked down to the river—the West Branch of the North Fork of the Feather. Along the way the dogwood was in blossom and the ceanothus, both blue and white, and azaleas were blooming near the water courses. We found many varieties of flowers along the trails - iris, mariposa lillies, yellow viglets, star flowers. We followed the P. G. & E. ditch down the canyon and ate our lunch at an inviting spot on the river. Here we rested for a couple of hours, enjoying the surroundings, then continued down, then back up to the cars and home.

The trip was unanimously declared one of the most delightful of the year.

—Harold G. Sharp

DICKEY (CONTINUED)

may be done by one or more people at your relative convenience with subsequent reports and recommendations to the full committee. New vistas of interest will be opened to you as you learn of our scenic wonderlands in more detail. You don't have to be an expert in these matters, but you can well become one if you have the interest to actively participate. At least, you owe it to yourself to find out by attending one of our meetings. Many of us have many other important things we are also actively engaged in, but it is the interest that finds the time and the lack of interest which doesn't have time.

This last month our former chairman, Dr. Edgar Wayburn, was honored by election as president of the Sierra Club. He is to be congratulated on this well earned achievement and at the same time we thank him and his wife, Peggy, for the many years he has so faithfully and effectively carried out his responsibilities of conservation chairman. As his successor, I know that I can draw on his wisdom and experience as well as continued support and active interest. The position of conservation chairman for the Sierra Club is a great honor and tremendous responsibility. I know that with the active support of all of our members this committee will continue to carry out its function in such a manner as to effectively "protect the natural mountain scene."

—Randal Dickey, Jr.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Anyone interested in photography? Whether you are a novice anxious to learn or an old hand trying to improve a little, we can all get together and perhaps help each other out.

The second meeting will be on Wed., June 7. Meet 6:30 p.m. at Mann's, Geary blvd. at Spruce, for dinner, then go to Playland at the Beach to try a hand in photography by available light. A tripod is essential.

Watch the Yodeler for future announcements. —Pauline Lee

WOMEN'S CITY CLUB PROGRAM

The Women's City Club of San Francisco, 465 Post Street, welcomes Sierra Club members to hear Mrs. Charles H. Smith, botanist with he California Academy of Sciences, lecture on California wild flowers. Entitled "From Mountain Tops to Ocean Shore," Mrs. Smith will show 200 color slides. The place is the Club Auditorium; the time, 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 22. There will be no admission charge.

Dinner reservations may be made in advance by calling GArfield 1-8400. The dining room is open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and dinners range from $1.50 to $2.25.

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NATURE

The weather cooperated by providing sunshine, nature presented a spectacular display of wild flowers, and Redwood and San Francisco Bay chapter members arrived in droves to enjoy them on the recent Nature Study Field Trip near Sonoma.

Mrs. Minette Matthaie, who lives in San Francisco, led about 90 hikers over her own Sonoma County property and adjoining ranches, pointing out and identifying flowers along the way. The trail followed ridges, dipped into vales and passed through wooded areas to end at Huichica Creek, where lunch was eaten beside the water. Connie Menzies and Amy Heggie were co-leaders for the outing.

Mrs. Matthaie also conducted a tour of her ranch house, made of volcanic tufa blocks quarried on the place, and her garden, featuring California native plants and shrubbery. A large Fremontia bush, covered with golden blooms, was of special interest.

Wild flowers identified included blue dicks (Brodeia), grass iris, California poppies, buttercups, lupin, blue and scarlet larkspur, paint brush, goldfield daisies, various gillias, owl clover, meadowfoam, baby blue-eyes, popcorn flowers and others which often formed sheets of color resembling a Persian rug design.

—Anita Garrett

Note: The Sierra Club Conservation Committee meets the third Thursday of each month, except July and August, and usually alternates meeting places between the Club Offices in San Francisco and a location in Berkeley. A more permanent meeting site in Berkeley is now being sought.

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TRAIL DAY

The Sierra Club Trail Day on February 25 was pronounced a complete success by the thirty-one participants—adult members combined with a number of juniors who were supporting it as their activity of the month.

Having met at the Rock Springs area on Mt. Tamalpais, the group proceeded to work on and improve the Laurel Dell and Simmons Trails. The trails were cleared, marked, and treaded where necessary, and there was work and fun for everyone. The two youngest members of the party conducted an anti-litter campaign as their contribution to the project, and the general purpose of making the trails more visible and more usable was accomplished to everyone's satisfaction.

The success of the day offers promise of more such events in the future, and members and interested friends will be welcomed.

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ANNUAL DINNER HUGE SUCCESS

Event Chairman Tena Catena wishes to thank everyone who contributed admirably to the complete success of the Sierra Club Annual Dinner held at Goodman's Hall in Jack London Square in Oakland on Saturday, May 6.

528 people were on hand to hear the very enjoyable talk by Willy Unsoeld, who captivated his audience for an hour and a half with his description of the trip to the top of the Himalayas in the summer of 1960. Mr. Unsoeld was introduced to his audience by Nick Clinch, who led the expedition. The displays at this affair were very much enjoyed and thanks are given to Larry Swan for much of the material.

Chairman Catena wishes to thank her stalwart committee for their efforts on behalf of this event: Display & Publicity, Deyrol and Beverly Anderson. Tickets: Donna and Ken Goodden. Floral Arrangements: Luella Sawyer.

—EDB

JULY 1—4 Chews Ridge to Big Sur on coast pack trip, hiking or riding, in Santa Lucia Mts., Carmel's wilderness back country. Also beginning continuous operation at Chews Ridge Leisure Camp for weekend and longer visits.
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SCHEDULE SUPPLEMENT

JUNE 17-18: LEISURE KNAPSACKING - A stroll in the Yuba Pass with Winnie and Bob Ragsdale for birding and botanizing purposes. Bring binoculars and lightweight guide books. Further activity: car commissary in order to compare Delectable Dehydes. Call Walt Ochse for details and transportation.

JUNE 24-25: CAR CAMPERS: Clair Tappaan Lodge near Norden, a weekend of fun, hiking, swimming and folk dancing.

JULY 15-16: PINECREST: A reserved area for our camp, hiking, swimming and water sports. Call Margaret Hoebich, BA 1-7559 (Emergency day phone YU 2-7700, Ext. 335) for rides or riders. Please note that this is a change from the coordinator shown in the Schedule.

EXCHANGE TRIPS

The following events are selected from the outing schedules of other chapters, with the thought that you might like to adventure farther afield on your weekend walks and field trips. For further information get in touch with the leader on the chapter sponsoring the outing (if written reply is requested, include a self-addressed STAMPED envelope), or phone me (TH 1-2442).

Margaret Gwinn

LOMA PRIETA CHAPTER

SUNDAY, JUNE 4. HIKE FROM PARKINGTON RIDGE. Leader: Sam Hopkins, Big Sur 2664. Meet at 9:00 a.m., turn left uphill at large group of mail boxes 8 mi. south of Big Sur State Park, and go to end of road. 14 mi. hike, all uphill, 2 mi. will be cross-country. Experienced hikers only. Bring canteen and lunch.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11. HIKE ON BEN ALLEN RANCH. Leader: Erich Hofman, DAvenport 2-4906, or DA 2-1201. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Skagg's Observation Point between LaHonda Rd. & King's Mtn. Rd. on Skyline Blvd. Bring canteen and lunch.

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, June 10-11. KNAPSACKING TO PINTO LAKE. Leaders: Kay Weber, DAvenport 3-9817; Claire Toupel, DAvenport 6-4425. 1500 ft. hike up canyon to beautiful valley. 6 mi. easy trip.

SATURDAY, June 24. HIKE TO PILLARCITOS LAKE AND STONE DAM. Leaders: Marion Rose, DAvenport 2-1774. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Temple de las Pulgas, on Canada Rd. Cars will follow leader to the Sawyer Camp Rd. entrance to the S.F. Water Dept. property. 12 mi. hike to Dam and lake. Bring lunch and canteen.

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, June 24, 25. KNAPSACKING TO MATTHES LAKE. 15 mi. circle trip into canyons of west flank of Cathedral range. Leader: Jim Watters, OLympic 5-5703. Transportation Coordinator: Dave Geddes, ALpine 3-0389.

SUNDAY, Jule 2. PORT OF ALVISO. Leader: Russ Baker, DAvenport 1-3695. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at first street past bridge entering Alviso from Sunnyvale. Mr. Garland C. Oliver will give talk on area. Hike along Alviso slough. Interesting photographic subjects.

SATURDAY, July 1, through TUESDAY, July 4. KNAPSACKING, TRANS-SIERRA TRIP. KINGS CANYON, CLIFF CAMP, TO PIUTE PASS. Leader: Phil Flint, DAvenport 3-7650. Interested persons must attend indoctrination meeting June 22nd. If enough people sign up, we will charter a bus. Route from North Fork of Kings River via Blackcap Basin, Muir Pass, Evolution Basin, Piute Pass, to North Lake. About 13 mi. per day.